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The Permanent Mission of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Chair of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1718 (2006) and has the honour to submit the report of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam on the measures taken to implement Security Council resolution 2397 (2017) (see annex).

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Annex to the note verbale dated 24 August 2018 from the Permanent Mission of Viet Nam to the United Nations addressed to the Chair of the Committee

Report of Viet Nam on the implementation of Security Council resolution 2397 (2017)

Pursuant to paragraph 17 of Security Council resolution 2397 (2017), Viet Nam hereby submits its report on measures taken to implement the resolution, as follows:

1. Overview

It is the consistent policy of Viet Nam to support the disarmament and non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, in particular nuclear weapons. Viet Nam has always fully implemented its obligations under relevant Security Council resolutions and has submitted related implementation reports (S/AC.49/2007/9, S/AC.49/2009/31, S/AC.49/2013/20, S/AC.49/2016/36, S/AC.49/2017/58 and S/AC.49/2018/31).

Resolution 2397 (2017) was promptly translated into Vietnamese and disseminated to all relevant ministries, agencies and local authorities for full implementation. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs continues to be the focal agency responsible for coordinating the implementation of the resolution, with an inter-agency mechanism for effective communication. Relevant ministries, agencies and local authorities have disseminated the contents of the resolution to subsidiary bodies and relevant entities and individuals, including businesses operating within the territory or under the jurisdiction of Viet Nam, and have conducted reviews to ensure full implementation of the resolution.

2. Implementation measures

In addition to the information provided in the previous reports on the implementation of Security Council resolutions relating to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Viet Nam hereby reports on some updates on the implementation of the provisions of resolution 2397 (2017) as follows:

(a) Freezing of financial assets and economic resources of and imposition of travel bans on individuals and entities designated by the Security Council (para. 3 of resolution 2397 (2017))

Information on individuals and entities listed in annexes I and II to resolution 2397 (2017) has been updated and provided to relevant national agencies. To date, no bank accounts, funds, financial assets or economic resources established or owned by these individuals and entities have been detected in Viet Nam.

In addition, Viet Nam has categorized as "not eligible for entry" 16 individuals listed under annex I to resolution 2397 (2017) and their family members. Viet Nam also directed all its airlines, both national and international, operating in Viet Nam to include these individuals in a travel ban list in accordance with article 146 of the Law on Civil Aviation of Viet Nam.

(b) Sectoral sanctions (paras. 4–8 of resolution 2397 (2017))

In November 2017, the Prime Minister of Viet Nam issued a decision to temporarily suspend exports to and imports from the Democratic People's Republic of Korea of certain goods in compliance with the relevant provisions of Security

Council resolutions. Goods prohibited under resolution 2397 (2017) have been added to the list of goods subject to this temporary suspension.

Viet Nam is also reviewing the earned income of nationals of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea within the territory of Viet Nam and implementing necessary measures under resolution 2397 (2017).

(c) Maritime interdiction of cargo vessels (paras. 9–15 of resolution 2397 (2017))

In March 2018, Viet Nam established an inter-agency mechanism to handle foreign vessels involved in activities or the transport of items prohibited by relevant Security Council resolutions. Since 23 December 2017, no foreign vessels involved in activities or the transport of items prohibited by relevant Council resolutions have travelled in the territorial waters of Viet Nam.

In addition, Viet Nam does not provide insurance or reinsurance services and classification services to foreign vessels involved in activities or the transport of goods prohibited by relevant Council resolutions.

3. Conclusion

Viet Nam reaffirms its consistent policy of supporting denuclearization, peace and stability on the Korean Peninsula and the settlement of disputes by peaceful means in accordance with international law. Viet Nam welcomes recent progress, particularly the inter-Korean summit held on 27 April 2018 and the summit between the United States of America and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea held on 12 June 2018. Viet Nam sincerely hopes that the implementation of agreed commitments will contribute to the maintenance of peace, stability, cooperation and development in the North-East Asia region and the world at large.

As a responsible Member of the United Nations, Viet Nam will continue to seriously implement relevant Security Council resolutions and cooperate closely with the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1718 (2006) in this regard. Viet Nam will conduct regular reviews to ensure the full implementation of relevant Security Council resolutions.